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Dr. Schofield, London, speaking at the Institute of Hygiene, pleaded for the preservation of the old English fire and the open grate. When everything evil of it was said that could be said—it was dirty, expensive, and wasteful—there still remained the fact that there was a spiritual element about it that could never be supplied by hot pipes. A fire was a companion preventing loneliness. Even a bachelor with a fire in his room might feel less a bachelor. (Laughter.)

This country could never be as good in respect of health resorts as the Continent, owing to the presence of the Gulf Stream, which was responsible for fogs and samples of climate, but never a climate. The nearest point where extreme warmth, combined with dryness, could be found was Egypt.

As regards clothing, Dr. Schofield said that for the first time in forty years he could speak in praise of the corset. The modern corset makers were moulding the corset to the figure, not cramping the figure to the corset.

Over two hundred guests were present at the French Municipal Hall, Shanghai, recently, when a ball was given by the French Volunteer Company. The function was timed to commence at nine o'clock, but at that hour the Town Band, which had been engaged for the occasion, was not in attendance, and no one present seemed to know why. After a quarter of an hour's wait, telephone messages were despatched in great numbers, but no trace could be found of the missing musicians. At a quarter to ten all hope of the band turning up had to be abandoned, and a piano was then brought into the hall, to the time of which the dancing was started. Later, several musicians from the Cafe 'Riche' arrived, and made up a small band, after which the ball proceeded without interruption.

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CHAMBERLAIN'S Cough Remedy never disappoints those who use it for obstinate coughs, colds and irritations of the throat and lungs. It stands unrivalled as a remedy for all throat and lung diseases. For sale by all Chemists and Dispensaries.

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The CONDITIONS of the COMPETITION will be announced later in this space.

WRAPPERS will be required as COUPONS.

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THURSDAY, 19th DECEMBER.

8.00 A.M. 'KINSHAN.' 8.00 A.M. 'HEUNGSHAN.'

10.00 P.M. 'HEUNGSHAN.' 5.06 P.M. 'FATSHAN.'

FRIDAY, 20th DECEMBER.

8.00 A.M. 'FATSHAN.' 5.00 P.M. 'KINSHAN.'

10.00 P.M. 'KINSHAN.' 8.00 A.M. 'HEUNGSHAN.'

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. 'SUI-TAI' Tons 1851. S.S. 'SUI AN' Tons 1851.

HONGKONG TO MACAO.

Week days at 8 A.M. & 2 P.M. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.

Sunday, at 9 A.M. & 12.30 P.M. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.

MACAO TO HONGKONG.

Week days at 7.30 A.M. and 2 P.M. Sunday, at 7.30 A.M. and 5 P.M.

EXCURSION TO MACAO.

SUNDAY, 22nd DECEMBER.

The Company's Steamship "SUI AN," will depart from the COMPANY'S WING LOK STREET WHARF at 8 A.M. and return from Macao at 5 P.M.

N.B.—The Company will also run a steamer from Macao on Sunday morning at 7.30 A.M. and from Hongkong at 12.30 P.M. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.

This Steamer connects with the excursion steamer returning from Macao at 5 P.M.

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Further particulars may be obtained at the Office of the Company.

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One of the above steamers leaves Canton for Wuchow every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at about 8 A.M., and the other leaves Wuchow for Canton on the same days at 8.30 A.M. Round trips take about 8 days. Passengers can return to Hongkong on vice versa by the Company's direct steamers 'LINTAN' and 'BANU'. These vessels have superior Cabin accommodation and are lighted throughout by electricity. Electric Fan in each Cabin.

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BUSINESS NOTICES.

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THIS THROUGH MAIL STEAMER FOR MARSEILLES AND LONDON DIRECT, WILL LEAVE HONGKONG ON MONDAY 22nd 1913, CALLING AT STRAITS, COLOMBO, ADEN, EGYPT, MARSEILLES AND GIBRALTAR, AND IS DUE TO ARRIVE AT—

MARSEILLES APRIL 26th
LONDON MAY 3rd.

The Accommodation in this Vessel is at the entire disposal of Passengers from the Far East.

FARES TO LONDON—
1st SALOON £71.10 SINGLE: £108.14 RETURN.
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For Further Particulars, apply to H. W. D. SHALLARD, Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, September 2, 1912. 1096

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The Public are respectfully informed that the THROUGH TRAIN SERVICE between TIENTSIN and PUKOW will be connected from the 4th of DECEMBER, 1912. They run twice a week from each terminus:—

TIENTSIN TO PUKOW:

TIENTSIN (Settlement) dep. 12.30 P.M. WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY.
PUKOW arr. 2.55 P.M. THURSDAY AND SUNDAY.

PUKOW TO TIENTSIN:

PUKOW dep. 8.50 A.M. MONDAY AND FRIDAY.
TIENTSIN (Settlement) arr. 10.33 A.M. TUESDAY AND SATURDAY.

From the 1st December all trains from Tientsin will start from the Settlement Station.

The Daily trains between Tientsin (Settlement) and Tientsin, between Tientsin and Hsuehchow, and between Hsuehchow and Pukow, and on the Branch Lines between Yenchow and Tientsin and between Lichow and Tientsin, will run as usual.

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makes colds impossible if used as soon as the cold starts.

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Hongkong, February 5, 1908.

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ARE SHOWING
CLOTH COSTUMES, LONG
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A VERY LARGE ASSORTMENT OF
Golfers in Silk and Wool, Ladies' Hand-
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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction (for account of the concerned),

on

SATURDAY,

the 21st December, 1912, at 11 A.M., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,—

THE REMAINING STOCK OF
ENGLISH JEWELLERY,
from London,
Consisting of—
Gold Brooches, Diamond Rings, Pins,
Gold-mounted Sticks, Hand Mirrors, Jewel
Cabinets, Silver and Plated Ware, Gold and
Silver Watches by noted London Makers,
Also
Fancy Goods and Toys, this stock includes
and 18-Kt. Gold Lever Watches by Benson,
London.

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, December 10, 1912. 1576

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction (for account of the concerned),

on

SATURDAY,

the 21st December, 1912, commencing at 2.30 P.M., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,—

A LARGE AND VALUABLE
ASSORTMENT OF GOODS.
As follows:—
French Hand-painted and Terracotta
Vases, Marble and Bronze Figures, Fancy
Toilet and Smoking Sets, Fancy Bronze
Tables and Flower Stands, Fancy Electric
Portable Lamps and Statuettes, a large
assortment of Porcelain Figures and Vases,
Gramophones and Records, Pictures, Bird's
Cages, Clocks and Watches, Cash Boxes,
Heating Stoves, a large assortment of
Leather Goods,
Also,
A Few Lots of TOYS.

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, December 9, 1912. 1544

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction (for account of the concerned),

on

SATURDAY and MONDAY,

the 21st and 22nd December, 1912, commencing each day at 2.30 P.M., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,—

A LARGE AND VALUABLE
ASSORTMENT OF FANCY GOODS,
AND
A LARGE CONSIGNMENT OF TOYS,
As follows:—
French Hand-painted and Terracotta
Vases, Marble and Bronze Figures, Fancy
Toilet and Smoking Sets, Fancy Bronze
Tables and Flower Stands, Fancy Electric
Portable Lamps and Statuettes, a large
assortment of Porcelain Figures and Vases,
Gramophones and Records, Pictures, Bird's
Cages, Clocks and Watches, Cash Boxes,
Heating Stoves, a large assortment of
Leather Goods,
Also,
A Few Lots of TOYS.

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, December 11, 1912. 1549

FOR SALE.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell (for account of the concerned), at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,—

1. Full size Billiard Table with all Accessories, in good condition by Thurston & Co., London.
1. Detroit 4 H.P. Motor, New.
1. Bridgeport 5 H.P. Motor, (Good Condition guaranteed).
1. American Cash Register.

Full particulars from the Undersigned.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, December 11, 1912. 1548

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 23rd day of December, 1912, at 8 P.M., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND below Kowloon Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Particulars of the Lot.		Boundary Measurements.		Containing in Square Feet.		Annual Rent.	
No.	Locality.	N.	S.	E.	W.	£	S.
108	Lot 108, Kowloon Road, below Kowloon Road, in the Colony of Hongkong.	120	50	120	50	12.000	50
109	Lot 109, Kowloon Road, below Kowloon Road, in the Colony of Hongkong.	75					

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction (for account of the concerned),

on

FRIDAY,

the 20th December, 1912, at 11 A.M., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,—

A CONSIGNMENT OF
MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES,
from London,
Comprising:—
Billiard Balls, Billiard Cloths, Microscopes, Surgical Instruments, Telescopes, Barometers, Banjos, Mandolins, Clarinets, Cameras, Clocks, Raincoats, Gramophones and Records, Gent's Travelling Bags,
Also,
Also.

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, December 16, 1912. 1577

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction (for account of the concerned),

on

FRIDAY,

the 20th December, 1912, commencing at 12 Noon, at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,—

A CONSIGNMENT OF
INDIAN CARPETS
'Various designs, Colours and Sizes.'
On view day before sale.

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, December 16, 1912. 1573

GERMAN SAUSAGES.

We have secured the services of an expert German Sausage Maker and are now able to supply our patrons and the Public with DELICIOUS, WHOLE-SOME & CLEAN GERMAN SAUSAGES made on our own premises.

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, December 9, 1912. 1544

THE DAIRY FARM CO., LTD.

Hongkong, November 19, 1910. 54

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THE CHINA MAIL.

NOTICE.

Communications relating to news should be addressed to THE EDITOR.

Correspondents must forward their names and addresses with any communication addressed to the Editor, not necessarily for publication, but as evidence of good faith.

All matter for publication should be written on one side of the paper only. No anonymously signed communication that has already appeared in any other paper will be inserted.

Letters relating to business should be addressed to THE MANAGER.

Orders for extra copies of the "China Mail" should be sent as soon as possible as the supply is limited. Cash 10 cts. Credit 20 cts. per copy.

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THE REQUIREMENTS OF AIR-CRAFT ENGINES.

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The first absolute necessity in an aeroplane engine, says Engineering, is obviously that it should be light enough for its power to permit of the machine flying satisfactorily. Extreme lightness is, however, of less value than formerly, owing to the greater lifting power of the modern aeroplanes; but, on the other hand, economy is of greater importance, owing to the longer flights now made, and to the weight of fuel which has therefore to be carried. It is of the utmost importance that the consumption of lubricating oil should be small, and that the engine should not require oil of a special quality, not easily obtainable. It is absolutely necessary that the engine should be thoroughly trustworthy for a flight of some hours, and it is very desirable that it should not require to be frequently taken to pieces for cleaning, etc. Low propeller speed considerably reduces the power required. The engine should also be arranged as to be easy to mount, and should not be of excessive length. These requirements, says Engineering, are somewhat conflicting. Thus the speed of rotation suitable for the light engine per brake horse-power is too high for a really efficient propeller. The obvious remedy is to gear down the propeller, as was done in the winning machine at the military competition, and it is a great advantage if the gearing and propeller-mounting is incorporated with the engine, as is done in the Renault engine, in which the propeller is fixed to the crank-shaft. Whatever general design is adopted, success will depend on the careful elimination of unnecessary weight while preserving the necessary strength and rigidity of essential parts. Excessive speed must be avoided, as in order to stand the inertia stresses the engine must be built heavier than where more moderate speed and compression pressure are used. Generally speaking, while every attempt should be made to save weight in the larger items, such as crank-cases, etc., it is a great mistake to try and reduce excessively that of small parts, such as valve-gear, whose total weight is small, and the failure of one of which stops the engine. It is also a mistake to make parts, such as the crank-shaft, so light that they spring. It often happens that if working parts are made too light, the engine fails to give its proper power, although no actual breakages may occur.

THE MONGOLIA TROUBLE.

Negotiations with Russia at a Deadlock.

A Peking despatch to the "Chuo" says that the negotiations between Mr. Lu Chong-shiang, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and the Russian Minister in Peking, concerning the Russo-Mongolian Treaty problem, have come to a deadlock owing to the unyielding attitude of either side. General Mowatoff, of the Russian Army, has made his way into Kashgar in command of a troop consisting of one thousand Cossacks. The Magistrate of Kashi has fled a protest with the Russian Consul, demanding the prompt withdrawal of the troops, but so far in vain.

As a consequence of Outer Mongolia having practically obtained independence, the majority of the Princes of Inner Mongolia appear to have become rather dubious in their attitude toward the Chinese Republic Government. Both Prince Ah and Prince Pingu are now staying at Kulus and refuse to return to their own provinces, being apparently in secret communication with Prince Wutai and Alalai, who are watching for an opportunity for future activity.

MORE ABOUT THE SOTTO EXTRADITION.

Thomas Carey Welch, assistant executive secretary, who went to Hongkong two weeks ago to represent the Philippine Government in the extradition proceedings against Vicente Sotto, has not yet returned from the China coast city, says the "Cable News American" of December 10.

Mr. Welch's extended stay in Hongkong indicates that the government has not abandoned all hope of bringing Sotto back to the Islands to serve a sentence imposed upon him in the court of first instance of Cebu, although no one connected with the executive bureau is able to confirm the impression.

It is understood that the extradition proceedings instituted against Sotto were brought by the department of state through the United States Consul-General at Hongkong, the local government having no hand in the proceedings. Mr. Welch was sent from here to aid the matter in any possible way, and his failure to return promptly upon the failure of the extradition is taken to mean that another effort will be made to land the wily Vicente.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on

THURSDAY,

the 19th December, 1912, commencing at 11 A.M., at the Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,—

A LARGE QUANTITY OF
BOOTS, SHOES & SUIT LENGTHS,
Also
Also.

On View from Wednesday, the 18th inst. Terms:—Cash on delivery.

GEORGE P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, December 11, 1912. 1581

Geo. P. Lammert

AUCTIONEER

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FOR SALE

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Area 25,378 Square feet.

Position: Facing King's Park.

Money on Mortgage at market rates.

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IN AND OUT OF LOVE.

If you are a man with friends, you certainly know well the announcement friends insist upon making to one, that they are engaged to be married. Generally, the blow comes by letter and you read: "I know you cannot fail to like her and all you will think is that she is far too good for me. O my dear fellow. . . . We need not recount his raptures."

And then comes the time when you see the young lady, and find her to be just an ordinary girl, rather pretty perhaps, but with noticeable defects, like other girls. Particularly, you do not like the way she laughs—so important a thing in woman. She laughs rather a lot, and not well. But about this you say nothing. Your simply say—"Dear old chap, she is perfect. I congratulate you. You are a lucky fellow."

And he, poor man, beams all over, and you think yourself justified in assisting in that Great Illusion of being in love and getting married in consequence.

"If you are a woman with friends, you know a similar experience. You are told that "He is such a dear and we are to be married soon"; and you meet him; and find him an inoffensive boy with no particular attractions; and note that he shows a slight tendency to be stout. But all you say is: "My dear, he's awfully nice. But so are you. Kiss me. Good luck. I congratulate you." And she beams all over and asks you to be her bridesmaid, if you happen to be still unmarried.

What is the matter with these people? Why cannot he become aware of that laugh? Doesn't she see that he is rather stout? We excuse them, while they love us excessively by remarking that they're in love.

They marry, and time goes on, and if you succeed in not quarrelling with his wife or her husband, you, the friend of our typical instance, continue to see them and from time to time to hear what they think of one another.

You conclude, in a melancholy unmarried manner, that they have fallen out of love. One is tempted to suppose that it is easier to do this than the other. But you cannot fall out without having first fallen in. The difference is that, once out of love, it is ever so hard to fall into it again; while, once in love, it is incredibly easy to fall out. But was it possible he never noticed that laugh? What miracle was it that concealed that stoniness from her? You think it over and remember some other fair person who laughs beautifully. She is very different! She would never annoy one with her little ways. You describe her lovingly to your friend. He says nothing, but you note a bored scepticism in his eyes. He recognises now that it is his turn to congratulate. You are in love, as he was. How long will it be before you are out of love, like him—W.M. in "Daily Mirror."

SEARCH FOR HIDDEN TREASURE.**A Bankruptcy Romance.**

The Bankruptcy Court is the last place where one would expect to hear of a search for hidden treasure. Yet, at the public examination recently before Mr. Registrar Brougham of Arthur Ormsby a story was unfolded of a treasure of £11,000,000 said to have been buried by the Jesuits in Sacambaya, Bolivia, on their expulsion from Spanish dominions in 1767. The debtor, who was described as of an address in Green-street, Charing Cross, company promoter, returned his liabilities at £559 and his assets at £24.

Examined by Mr. W. P. Bowyer, Official Receiver, the debtor said that for the last ten years he had carried on business as a general agent. It was in September of last year that he became connected with the scheme to search for hidden treasure, the proposition having been brought to him by a gentleman from Bolivia.

The gentleman in question told him that he knew where the treasure was located, and that he wanted to return to Bolivia in order to search for it. The debtor said that he approached certain persons in reference to the project, with a view to the formation of a party to go out to Bolivia, and the matter was then taken out of his hands. He had entered into an agreement with Sir John Campbell, and this he had charged. There was, however, still a balance of £29,000 to come to him provided that Sir John received £40,000 from the treasure.

SLAVES TO TOBACCO.**America's Astonishing Record.**

Smoking and drinking habits have established a firm hold upon Americans, according to Mr. R. E. Cahell, the United States Commissioner of Island Revenue. His estimates that in the three months ended September 30 last the American public

Smoked 3,800,000,000 cigarettes.
Smoked 1,950,000,000 cigars.
Drank 53,150,000 gallons of whisky.
Drank 19,800,000 barrels of beer.

Americans seem to have been afflicted with an unquenchable thirst and a vastly increased hankering for tobacco, for all these figures, says the "New York Telegram," are greatly increased over those of the same period for 1911. In the matter of cigarettes and cigars new high records were established. How the cigarette habit is growing is shown by the fact that over 1,000,000,000 more cigarettes were smoked in those three months than in the corresponding three months of the previous year.

The cigar consumption sets a new record; the increase in whisky consumption is 450,000 gallons, and the increase in beer drinking is 320,000 barrels. Owing to the growing appetite for butter-milk as a summer drink the consumption of beer for the previous year had fallen off considerably. Four hundred thousand pounds more a month is being collected from drinkers and smokers this year than last owing to the increase in drinking and smoking.

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when they refuse to accept Hongkong or any other coins that are not that of their particular province. If an Englishman travels to France, Germany or Italy the coins of his homeland have to be exchanged for those of the country in which he is travelling. Why therefore may not Hongkong currency only circulate in Hongkong, if it were deemed necessary to adopt such a course. To raise opposition in such a matter is childish in the extreme.

We understand that with a view to bringing a more settled state of affairs into being, the Registrar General has had interviews with some leading Chinese business men. We do not know what took place, but we hope that the ultimate result will be that the Chinese will see that if they intend to adopt the cowardly means of boycotting for their imaginary grievances they will be met by an opposition, regrettable perhaps to put into operation, but which will certainly be made efficacious.

MR. BONAR LAW'S SPEECH.

WHILE the summary of Mr Bonar Law's speech at Aston-under-Lyme, telegraphed by Reuters—which will be found in another column of this issue—does not, as a whole, strike us as containing much that is of outstanding importance, the statement made on Tariff Reform is weighty, if, as doubtless it does, representing the views of the Unionist Party. Tariff Reform apparently is still to form an important "plank" in the Unionist's "platform," and to meet the exigencies of the moment the Unionists propose to hold a Conference at which the Colonies are to be represented, and at which the most important point to be discussed regarding fiscal affairs is the question of the advisability or otherwise of imposing a tax on food products. It will prove a momentous decision for the Unionists as it did in 1906.

Mr Bonar Law's reference to the Welsh Disestablishment Bill is interesting and more partisan than pointed. He says that it "is incomprehensible" how anyone can "take funds from a poor Church in the name of religion." That is not the object of the Bill, which of course is to stop further financial State assistance given to a Church that does nothing like represent the views of the majority of the inhabitants of Wales. The Opposition leader's remark on co-operation being "one of the best ways of raising the level of wages" contains an element of fact, but it would not be difficult to point out that there are other more direct ways of reaching such a goal. Mr Bonar Law's statement as to the "early establishment of a real federal system, the Colonies contributing to the defence of the Empire in proportion to their population and sharing in the glory of it" sounds very well; and the hope will be expressed that should the Unionists get into power that they may be able to introduce a measure which will have that object in view as a practical piece of politics.

When a man was charged before Mr Hazland at the Police Court to-day with being in possession of opium he said it belonged to his master. The man's master, arrived in Court later, and his name, too, was ordered to be placed on the charge sheet. After hearing the case, Mr Hazland fined the master \$10 or one month, and discharged the other man.

The November output of the French Mines, Limited, is:—From mine pits 3,919, from tributaries pits 24,119, total pits 28,038. Value: from mine \$278,054.07; from tributaries \$617,022.16, total \$895,076.23. Estimated profit: from mine after payment of all charges, development, capital expenditure, etc., \$150,034; from tributaries \$1,018,300; total \$1,168,334. Production to November 30, pits 43,103.

The net profit of J. and P. Coats, Limited, for the year ended June 30, amounted to \$2,794,072. The directors recommended a bonus of 5 per cent, this making a total distribution of 35 per cent. for the year, the same as for each of the three preceding years. It was proposed to transfer \$500,000 to the reserve fund (making it \$5,000,000) and \$20,440 to Adventure premium account, carrying forward \$208,810, as against \$240,462.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The 24th (Hawara) Mountain Battery, will proceed to camp at Sun Wei, by route march, on Thursday, January 2nd.

The S.M.S. "Taingtau" and the Japanese warships "Asuna," "Soya" and "Shikunami" left the harbour this morning.

In Mr Hazland's Court at the Magistrate's today a man was fined \$100 or six weeks' imprisonment for being in unlawful possession of opium.

It is stated in a San Francisco despatch to the Osaka Asahi that Dr Sun Yat-sen is about to visit America for the purpose of raising a loan of \$200,000,000.

The well-known Chinaman, Looi Kee, has been found murdered in the jungle near Siputah. He is believed to be the victim of a secret society in Kinta.

The master of a fishing boat was fined \$2 by the Marine Magistrate today for failing to produce his licence when requested to do so by P.C. Evans.

A woman living in Lyndhurst Terrace reported to the police last night that money and silver were to the total value of about \$225 had been stolen from a room in her house.

A Japanese taxi, driving a hired car, knocked down a young Chinaman on the Gopeng road, near Ipoh, recently, and inflicted such injuries that the unfortunate man soon died.

We are sorry to learn, says the "Peking Telegraph," that Mrs. Hartwell, wife of the Rev. Hartwell, was assaulted by robbers on a journey 30 miles off Chefoo.

It is announced in our advertising columns that the adjourned discussion of Mr J. S. Chapman's paper will take place at the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders on Friday, 20th instant.

A watchman from the western district has been sent to hospital suffering from injuries caused by a man whom he was attempting to arrest at China Merchants' Wharf. In the scuffle both men fell into the harbour, and the prisoner made his escape.

The "Manchuria Daily News" hears that Mr Harold G. Parlett, British Consul at Dairen, is under orders to take the place of Mr E. M. Hobart-Edmonds, Japanese Secretary of the Embassy at Tokio, who will leave Tokio for England shortly on about a year's furlough.

The large spinning factory at Changchun, which has been operating now for about 7 years and has been employing 2,000 hands, was burned to the ground on Wednesday last. Several employees perished in the flames. "Central China Post."

At the Magistrate's to-day thirteen men were brought before Mr Melbourne by Serg. Adlington and charged with using No. 1 Salt Xuen Lane as an opium den. The first defendant, who was proved to be the keeper, was fined \$100, and the remainder were fined \$2 each, or five days.

Recently four continental Jews were placed on board the steamer Bohemia, bound for Port Said, having been banished from the Straits Settlements. All four have been battling on the wages of women who belong to the White Slave class. If any of these men return to the Straits they will run the risk of penal servitude for life.

There are two regiments in the Serbian army which it is satisfactory to know, states the "Rangoon Gazette," have availed themselves of the opportunity to obliterate the black mark that has stood against them since the night of June 11, 1903. These regiments, the 4th and 7th, surrounded the Konak at Belgrade, whilst their officers, with clubs, were engaged in the regicidal proceedings within.

Foreign residents in North China having recently experienced considerable inconvenience owing to insupportable delays in the arrival of the Trans-Siberian mails, the "Peking Daily News" says, that some time ago the British Legation reported the matter to the Post Office in London, and that every effort is now being made, throughout the route travelled by the mails, to discover where the delay occurs.

Mr Hu Ying, in a telegraphic memorandum to President Yuan Shih-kai from Seoul, states that the rumour current in some quarters in the Republic that Japan intends to remove her Capital to Chosen, with a view to annexation of Manchuria, is entirely unfounded, and that on the contrary the Japanese entertain a very firm, sympathetic sentiment toward the Chinese people, as a glance over the conditions in Japan will easily convince anyone.

Two Chinese were charged before Mr Hazland to-day with being in possession of opium and a compound of opium. In one instance the opium was made up into pills; and in the other the opium was mixed with wine. The first defendant was fined \$25 or one month on the first charge and \$27 or two months on the second charge. The second defendant was fined \$8 or one month on the first charge, and \$21 or one month on the second charge.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

An exchange has been approved between Capt. C. H. Jardine, 3rd Middlesex Regiment, and P. F. Jones, Indian Army.

Station leave has been granted to Staff Nurse Miss M. E. Smith, Q.A.I.M.N.S., from 27th December, 1912, to 9th January, 1913.

Lieutenant-General Kigoishi, Head of the First Division, has been promoted to the rank of Full General and appointed a Military Councillor.

Mr Ru Ying, Chinese Envoy to Japan, arrived at Chemulpo recently. A hearty reception was accorded him by both the Chinese and Japanese residents there.

The wedding has taken place at Penang of Mr T. E. R. Parsons, manager of Gan Kee estate, Seremban, and Miss Mary Loder, of Antigua. The Colonial Chaplain officiated.

Leave of absence, on private affairs, has been granted to Captain H. K. Hughes, and Lieut. J. A. Jervois, 1st Bn. K.O.Y.L.I., from 17th January to 17th October, 1913.

Count Toda, Grand Master of Ceremonies, and other officials of the Household Department sat in conference on Tuesday morning in connection with the preparations for the Coronation Ceremony.

Engineer-Rear Admiral Charles Lane, C.B., who lately reached the retiring age of 60, was, from November, 1881, to November, 1884, employed at the Hongkong and Whampoa Co.'s Dockyard.

Mr Maurice Randmann, with the members of his new Opera Company, which is coming here early next year, arrived in Bombay on November 22, from London by the P. and O. Arcadia.

Several local residents returned to the Colony to-day by the s.s. "Mishima Maru," including Mr. and Mrs. C. E. H. Beavis, Mr. P. H. Holyoak and Mr. R. Pousonby. The list will be found on page 10.

Those who remembered the late Lord Peel as he was some ten years ago would have found some difficulty in recognising him in the latter years of his life. The wonderful thicket of thick grey hair which was so characteristic suddenly fell off during a few days' illness, so altering his appearance entirely.

Early next February Princes Arthur of Connaught will leave for Brussels in order to bestow upon King Albert of the Belgians the Order of the Garter. He will likewise convey to his Majesty a letter from King George inviting him to pay a State visit to England next November. This will be the fourth Garter mission that Prince Arthur has headed.

Queen Wilhelmina, of Holland, is the most extravagant dresser among the Queens of Europe, according to a statement published in an Austrian newspaper. She spends \$24,000 a year on personal attire. The Queen of Italy comes next with \$16,000, a considerable part of which is expended on lace. Empress Victoria Augusta devotes \$12,500 annually to her toilettes, which are invariably ordered in London or Vienna. The Czarina is the least luxurious of the royal consorts. Having a predilection for black, and a severe style that obviates trimming and accessories, her dress making bills are almost insignificant.

CASE OF ASSAULT.

A Chinese Newspaper's Comments.

At the Magistrate's this afternoon before Mr Melbourne a Chinese was summoned by another Chinese from Sipoon, (who spoke French but not Chinese), for assault at a house in Des Vaux Road.

Mr C. Farabrother Mason, of Messrs Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for the complainant, and Mr Sheenton, of Messrs Deacon Looker and Deacon, appeared for the defence.

There was a cross-summons for assault. Mr Mason complained to the Magistrate of a report which had appeared in a Chinese newspaper in Hongkong. The report made a scurrilous statement which he thought amounted to contempt of Court.

On being asked by the Magistrate if he objected, Mr Sheenton said that all he could do was to complain the Chinese paper for having foreshadowed his line of defence in this case. It had nothing to do with him, and his friend knew the proceedings in the Civil Courts.

Mr Mason considered that it was not fair comment of the case, and nothing in the report transpired on the last hearing of the case.

Mr Sheenton remarked that the article had no intention to convey a report of the case. It was simply a matter of "We have heard" or "We have been informed that there is a question over a lady." This he would prove as a fact as the case proceeded.

Dr Marriott gave evidence of examination of the complainant on the original summons, and described his injuries, which consisted of a contusion on the head.

In reply to Mr Sheenton, the doctor said it might have been caused by a fall on to a wooden bed.

The case was adjourned.

"AN IDEAL HUSBAND."

Brilliant Amateur Performances.

Hongkong amateurs have achieved notable successes in the past, but the dramatic company which presented Oscar Wilde's famous play "An Ideal Husband" at the Theatre Royal last night can justly be said to have set up a new standard, which those who follow them will find it very difficult to uphold. To have attempted the production of so great a work as "An Ideal Husband," one of the most brilliant which came from the pen of the celebrated playwright, was an ambitious undertaking, but the optimism of the producer and the talented band of performers whose services he enlisted was fully justified, the performance being an unequalled success.

If Oscar Wilde had never written another play "An Ideal Husband" would have made him famous. For sparkling wit and brilliant paradoxes the dialogue has few equals. "An Ideal Husband" is a play which needs to be followed closely and intelligently, its appeal being to the intellect and not to the senses, and at a time when musical comedy seems to have ousted the legitimate drama it was good to see the appeal which it made to the large audience present.

Briefly summarised, this is the plot: Sir Robert Chiltern, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, has built up a splendid position upon the fruits of a dishonest act. His official position put him in possession of secret information concerning the pending purchase of Suez Canal shares by the British Government, and this he sold to a foreign financier, receiving as the price of his honour a large sum which enabled him to take the first steps in the realisation of his ambition, the desire for power. Chiltern yielded only once to temptation, his subsequent private and political life being beyond reproach. Chiltern marries a woman of high intellectual attainments but little knowledge of the world, a woman who puts moral integrity beyond all else. He has almost forgotten the judiciousness of his youth when it rises against him and threatens at one stroke to blast his political career and alienate the affection of his wife. A letter bearing upon his sale of the State secret has passed from the possession of the financier to his mistress, Mrs. Chilverley, a notoriously unscrupulous schemer who is determined upon Chiltern's ruin. She meets him at a political party at his home and in a dramatic interview announces the price of her silence as Chiltern's word that he will suppress the report of a Commission on a fraudulent canal scheme in which she is interested. Chiltern consents but is ultimately persuaded to retract his promise by his wife, who, while unaware of the exact reason of his change of policy, knows it to be due to the evil influence of Mrs. Chilverley, whom she has recognised as a dishonest school companion. Mrs. Chilverley calls and telling Mrs. Chiltern of the skeleton in her husband's life, succeeds in causing a breach between them. Viscount Goring, Chiltern's greatest friend by a lucky chance is placed in possession of evidence regarding a theft Mrs. Chilverley has committed and with his promise of silence saves Chiltern from exposure. This does not exhaust Mrs. Chilverley's wiles, for she endeavours by means of a letter, apparently innocent, but easily liable to misinterpretation, written by Mrs. Chiltern and Goring to cause further harm, but her plot falls flat, and everything ends happily. These are but the main incidents of a plot which, while being intensely dramatic, contains not an "incident" which is not perfectly feasible.

As we have indicated, the histrionic talent displayed was of a high order. The acting of the principals was consistently good, but without being invidious it can be said that the success of the evening was achieved by Mrs. W. G. Worcester, who gave a remarkably fine interpretation of the part of Lady Chiltern. Mrs. Worcester is an amateur actress of great versatility, and her interpretation of the difficult part of Lady Chiltern, a character which calls for exceptionally careful treatment, was exceedingly able. Her acting in the emotional scene in which she discovers the secret of her husband's early life was particularly fine, and in her love scenes she also exhibited considerable talent. Mrs. W. Logan as Mrs. Chilverley, Captain A. Kinnaird-Watson as Viscount Goring and Mr. Walter Seigler as Sir Robert Chiltern shared with her the principal work, and it may justly be said, her success also. Both displayed great skill. Captain Kinnaird-Watson's stage manner is remarkably natural and easy and the audience frequently showed their appreciation of his skill. Mr. Seigler's acting was very forceful, but he sometimes was a little theatrical in his utterances. Mrs. Logan played with great intensity of feeling, and won deserved applause. Mr. Mowbray S. Northcote made a delightful Earl of Caversham. His mannerisms were very fresh and humorous. Miss Main as Mabel Chiltern, Goring's lover, was pleasingly natural; and Mr. F. Hunter though she had not much to do, played the part of Lady Markby with distinction. Others in the cast were: Viscount de Nanjac, Attache at the French Embassy in London, Monsieur Brandolo; Mr. Montford; Mr. G. Miskin; Mason; butler to Sir Robert Chiltern; Mr. John Robertson; Phillips, Lord Goring's servant; Mr. M. M. Mason; James, a footman; Mr. C. B. Frost; The Countess of Basildon; Mrs. W. M. Tyne; Mrs. Marchmont; Mrs. Lindsey Woods; guests in Act I.—Mesdames Backhouse, Chapman, Even-Jones, Harding, Head, Lows, Robertson, Schreuter and Tounan; Messrs. Delamoy, Frost, Lindsey Woods, Mason, MacGregor, Mason, Pyne, Rowe and Walker.

Those who remembered the late Lord Peel as he was some ten years ago would have found some difficulty in recognising him in the latter years of his life. The wonderful thicket of thick grey hair which was so characteristic suddenly fell off during a few days' illness, so altering his appearance entirely.

Early next February Princes Arthur of Connaught will leave for Brussels in order to bestow upon King Albert of the Belgians the Order of the Garter. He will likewise convey to his Majesty a letter from King George inviting him to pay a State visit to England next November. This will be the fourth Garter mission that Prince Arthur has headed.

CASE OF ASSAULT.

A Chinese Newspaper's Comments.

At the Magistrate's this afternoon before Mr Melbourne a Chinese was summoned by another Chinese from Sipoon, (who spoke French but not Chinese), for assault at a house in Des Vaux Road.

Mr C. Farabrother Mason, of Messrs Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for the complainant, and Mr Sheenton, of Messrs Deacon Looker and Deacon, appeared for the defence.

There was a cross-summons for assault. Mr Mason complained to the Magistrate of a report which had appeared in a Chinese newspaper in Hongkong. The report made a scurrilous statement which he thought amounted to contempt of Court.

On being asked by the Magistrate if he objected, Mr Sheenton said that all he could do was to complain the Chinese paper for having foreshadowed his line of defence in this case. It had nothing to do with him, and his friend knew the proceedings in the Civil Courts.

Mr Mason considered that it was not fair comment of the case, and nothing in the report transpired on the last hearing of the case.

Mr Sheenton remarked that the article had no intention to convey a report of the case. It was simply a matter of "We have heard" or "We have been informed that there is a question over a lady." This he would prove as a fact as the case proceeded.

Dr Marriott gave evidence of examination of the complainant on the original summons, and described his injuries, which consisted of a contusion on the head.

In reply to Mr Sheenton, the doctor said it might have been caused by a fall on to a wooden bed.

The case was adjourned.

The piece was splendidly staged; the scenery, designed by Mr. Walter Seigler and executed by Messrs. Lane, Crawford and Company, who were also responsible for the furnishings, being as good as any ever seen in the Colony. The Societate Philharmonica under the direction of Professor F. Gonzalez played enjoyable music in the intervals. Great credit is due to Mr. John Robertson under whose direction the piece was produced for the success attending his efforts. The play will be repeated on Thursday and Saturday, and the profits will be devoted to local charities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Thursday's Meeting.

The orders of the day for the meeting of the Legislative Council on Thursday are as under:

First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Summary Offences Ordinance, 1845.

First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to prevent the undue and improper interference with or hampering of lawful business and commercial undertakings.

Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to provide punishment for certain persons found guilty of adultery or of harbouring Chinese Married Women.

Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance for effecting the final revision and amendment of the Ordinances of the Colony from 1844 to 1912 inclusive before incorporating them in the New Revised Edition of the Laws of the Colony.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

Robberies with Violence.

At the December Criminal Sessions, which opened in the Supreme Court this morning, Tam Sam, a young man, was indicted before the Chief Justice and a jury for the commission of a robbery with another man; not in custody; at No. 19, Queen's Road Central.

The Crown Solicitor, Mr. J. H. Kemp, prosecuted, prisoner being unrepresented. The following jury was sworn: Messrs. R. Henderson, R. L. Atkinson, A. R. Forbes, J. Fasse, D. E. M. de Souza, R. B. Wood, and F. D. Haigh.

The Crown Solicitor, instructing the jury, said that robbery was regarded as being of a more serious nature than robbery by a single individual. In this case the gang consisted of two men, and the robbery occurred in a house in which several employees in the Central Market lived. Their rooms on the third floor of the building fronted Queen's Road, but the entrance was from a lane at the back. At 6 p.m. on November 10 the coolies were away but a watchman was in the house. Two men, one of whom was known to the watchman as a man who had slept there, entered the house and after conversing with him tied him up and took away some clothing.

From the evidence given it appeared that defendant was seen leaving the house with a box and was arrested, it being found to contain stolen goods.

Prisoner was sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment.

Before the same jury one Tong Fuk was charged with participating in an attempted robbery with violence at Mong Lok Tui on November 14. Prisoner pleaded not guilty to the three counts in the indictment.

Prisoner was identified as one of the robbers by the women of the household and her maid servant, a diminutive girl of thirteen years, and a boy employed on the premises stated that he saw him and that he was caught by the police, keeping him in sight all the time.

Prisoner denied his guilt and suggested that the witnesses for the prosecution had conferred together and told a similar story to convict him. He alleged that at the police station he was bitten by a constable to induce him to confess the names of men implicated in the robbery and said that the girl who gave evidence accused two other men who were afterwards discharged. They being business men were able to procure witnesses but he was only a poor hawker.

The Crown Solicitor said in answer to his Lordship that it was a fact that two men had been discharged.

Prisoner called two witnesses but they did not assist his case. The jury found prisoner guilty on the first count charging him with being concerned in the attempted robbery and he was sentenced to six years' imprisonment and fourteen strokes of the cane, his Lordship remarking that there were no extenuating circumstances such as in the last case.

LAUNCH MASTER SUMMONED.

Case Dismissed.

The Marine Magistrate resumed the hearing to-day of the case in which Lo-Kwai, master of the steam launch "Wa Hing," was summoned at the instance of P.C. Joy for carrying 12 passengers in excess of the number allowed by licence.

Mr. Reader Harris, solicitor, appeared for the defendant.

The defendant in the witness box declared that he counted the passengers before leaving the wharf, and there were 92, not including the crew. He was allowed to carry 107.

After other evidence had been called the case was dismissed.

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